

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 14-20 and 37-41 are allowed. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 8 to that effect and submits that it is in allowable form. In addition, claim 9 was not specifically addressed by the Examiner but depends from claim 8 and Applicant submits that claim 9 is therefore allowable as well.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, specifically indicating that the T-shaped groove of claims 3, 4, 16 and 17 were not shown. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner and has attached a copy of Fig. 4 specifying in red ink the T-shaped portion of the plus-shaped groove. As indicated on page 8 of the Specification beginning on the fifth line of the second paragraph thereof, the plus-shaped slots have a first portion 80 and a second portion 82, along with an optional third portion 84, each also marked in red ink for the Examiner's reference. The first and second portions 80 and 82 form the T-shaped portion of the slot and the optional third portion 84 is added to form the plus-shaped slot. Applicant submits therefore that the T-shaped slot is shown in the drawings and that the Examiner's objection regarding the drawings is therefore overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 7-9 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner indicated that claims 7 and 8 indicated the phrase "such as", which Applicant has removed to make the claim definite. In addition, the Examiner indicated that regarding the last two lines of claim 8 that it was unclear whether the plus-shaped groove was the front or back groove. Applicant has addressed this as well and submits that claims 7-9 are now in allowable form.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10, 13, 21, 24 and 25-31 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duginske (US Patent 5,768,966) in view of Price (US Patent 4,693,158). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 11 and 23 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duginske in view of Price and further in

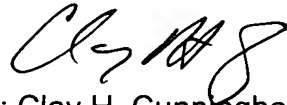
view of Schuler (US Patent 4,817,693). The Examiner further rejected claim 12 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duginske in view of Price and in further view of Szymanski et al. (US Patent 6,481,477). The Examiner further rejected claims 32-36 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duginske in view of Schuler.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 25 and 32 to depend from allowed claim 37. Applicant therefore submits that said claims are allowable and that claims 1-7, 13, and 21-24 are allowable as depending from claim 1; that claims 11 and 12 are allowable as depending from claim 10; that claims 26-31 are allowable as depending from claim 25; and that claims 33-36 are allowable as depending from claim 32.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for claims 1-41. Please call the undersigned attorney if any questions remain after this amendment.

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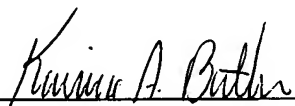


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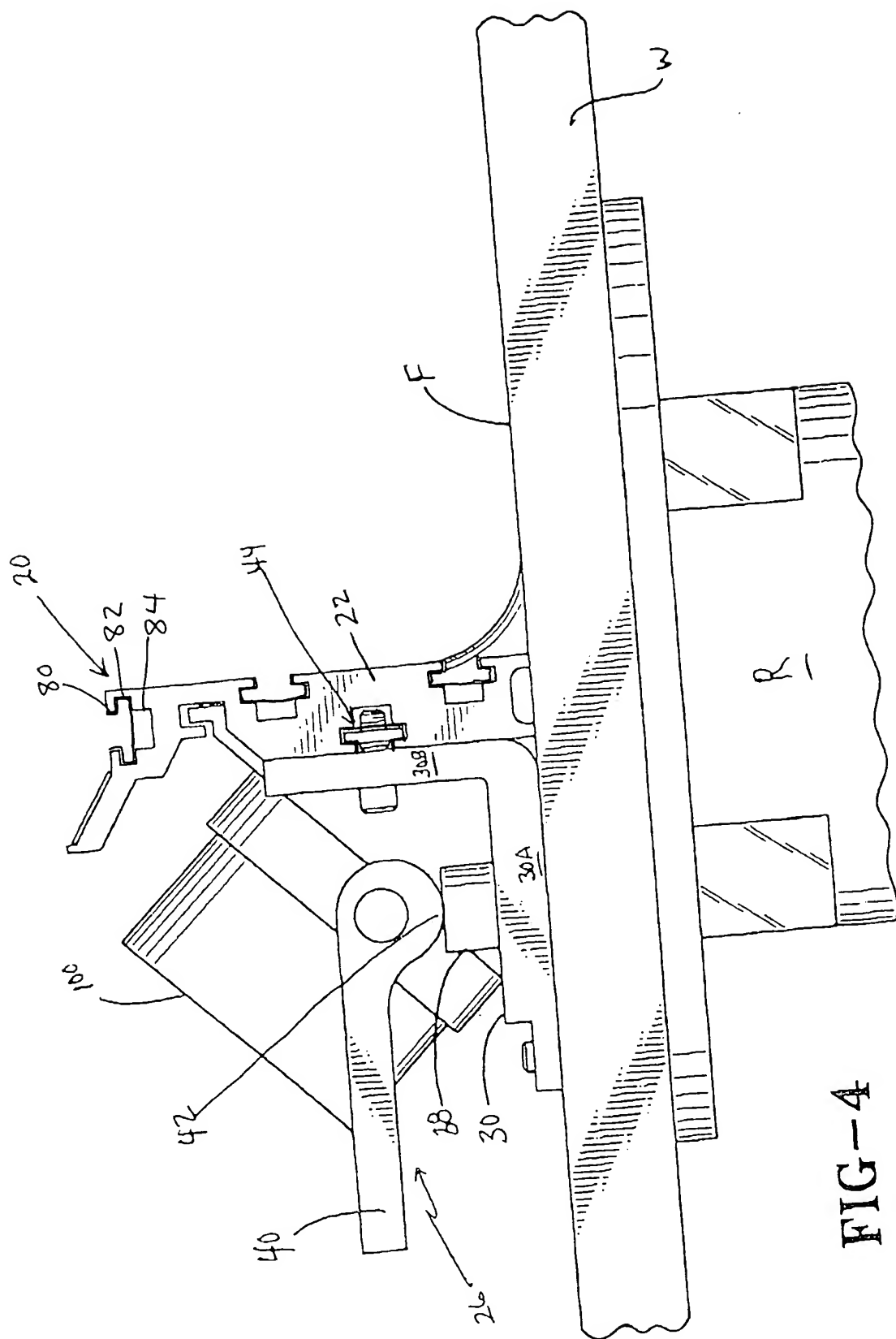


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